

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/544,156  
Filing Date: August 1, 2005  
Applicant: Hisashi KOJIMA  
Group Art Unit: 4144  
Examiner: Christopher M. Crutchfield  
Title: OPTICAL NETWORK, OPTICAL EDGE ROUTER, AND  
PROGRAM THEREFOR CUTTING-THROUGH  
METHOD, AND EDGE ROUTER  
Attorney Docket: 5259-000057/US/NP

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 2, 2008, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 15 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 16 of this paper.